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FROM: Holland Shepherd/Reclamation Soils Specialist *HWS*

RE: Straight Creek Mine, Field Visit, M/017/018, Garfield County
Utah

Frank Filas and I visited the Straight Creek Mine site on March 16, 1988 regraded and seeded last fall by Joe Bierschied of B & W Construction Company in Moab, Utah.

Soil materials were pushed by dozer over the regraded waste rock piles. As a result of this procedure, soil and waste material have been mixed together on the surface causing patches of waste material to show through the topsoil. Also, this has resulted in an uneven distribution of soils material across the site. This may pose a problem for future revegetation.

The operator has reformed a good job in recontouring the site to conform with the natural drainage pattern of the area.

No vegetation was apparent during this visit. Another visit to the site in early summer would be better to determine whether the seeding effort has been successful.

The area was disturbed before seeding. No fertilizer or other soil amendments were added to the site. The seed mix used is the same as specified in the operators permit.

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cc: *F. Filas*
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